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Response to Applicants' Amendment

Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-46, 63, 65, and 70 are pending. Claims 2, 5-8, 11, 14, 47-62, 64, and 66 have been cancelled

The amendment filed on 010/26/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Claim 9 is identified as "currently amended". The Examiner cannot find an amendment to claim 9. This does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, the Applicants' are given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a).

This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 6:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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